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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH

SINGLE BENCH: HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, CJ.

WRIT PETITION NO. 6420 OF 2005

PETITIONER — Dr. (Ku.) Geetu Pahalajani, daughter of Shri Krishna Pahalajani, aged about 32 years, resident of A-1, Anupam Nagar, Raipur.

Vs.

RESPONDENTS

1. Union of India, through the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
2. The Superintendent / Passport Officer, Passport Office, Bhopal (M.P.)

Present: Mr B.P. Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner.
Mr. Bhishma Kinger, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India.

ORAL ORDER

(Passed on 13th January, 2006)

The petitioner is a citizen of India and she has applied to the second respondent on 18-04-2005 for fresh passport in her favour. In her application dated 18-04-2005 made to the second respondent, she has shown her date of birth as 21-06-1973 which date according to the petitioner is her correct date of birth. It is alleged that the second respondent refused to renew or issue fresh passport showing the date of birth of the petitioner as 21-06-1973 on the ground that in her earlier passport, her date of birth was shown as 01-06-1973. According to the petitioner, in the passport earlier issued, her date of birth was wrongly shown as 01-06-1973 instead of 21-06-1973. In support of her assertion, the petitioner has filed along with the writ petition, the school leaving

certificate and birth certificate issued by Indore Municipal Corporation marked as (Annexure P/4 and P/5).

(2) In response to the notice issued by this Court on 21-12-2005, Shri Bhishma Kinger, learned Standing Counsel appeared for the respondents and on instruction from his clients submitted that the respondents have no objection to issue passport to the petitioner showing 21-06-1973 as her date of birth. In view of this concession made by the learned standing counsel for the respondents, I dispose of this writ petition directing the respondents to issue passport to the petitioner showing 21-06-1973 as her date of birth subject to the petitioner performing other formalities, if any. No costs.

Sd/-
Chief Justice